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to the Lord DUKE of

BUCKINGHAM

His Grace :

OF A GREAT MIRACLE
wrought by a piece of a Handkerchefe,
dipped in His Majesties Bloud.

The Truth whereof, he himself saw, and is ready to depose
it, and doth believe will be attested by 500.
others, if occasion requires.



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His Highness

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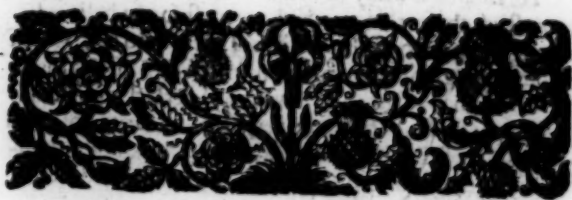


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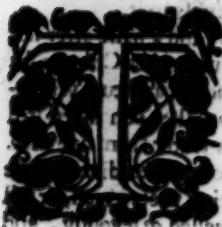
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A LETTER

Sent to a Noble Lord of this
 dome, from an Eminent
 DIVINE.

Most Excellent Sir :



THAT your Lordship may not bee
 a Stranger to those things which
 have come to passe heere in these
 our days, since the death of our
 Gracious Sovereigne Lord, King
 CHARLES ; I shall make bold
 to begin this my Letter unto you
 (most Excellent Sir) in the Words
 and Preface (with a little alterati-
 on) of Saint Luke to his Gospel.

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Forasmuch as many have set forth, and privately discoursed of those things which are most surely believed amongst us, even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye and ear Witnesses of them. It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of those things from the very first, to write unto you in order, most Excellent Lord, that you may know the certainty of those things, which I have both heard and seen.

I Was desired by a Noble Knight, a Kinsman of mine, after hee had related to mee a Miracle which hee had seene done at ~~DEB~~ ^{DEB} ~~YOR~~ ^{YOR} neare LONDON, to goe thither to know the truth of it, and to witness it under my hand for the greater confirmation of it, that thereby it might bee the more credibly believed amongst Strangers; whereupon I went thither to the house of one Mistresse BAYLY, the Wife of CHARLES BAYLY, who related it to me as it followeth, which I writ down *verbatim*, as neare as I could, from her and her daughters owne mouth (in the presence of Mr. THOMAS BRET, an Ancient Gentleman of knowne truth and integrity) and then I read it over to them, and they confessing the truth of it, the Mother set her hand unto it, her Daughter her Mark, and Mr. BRET subscribed his name as a Witness to it.

This my Daughter about a yeare and a halfe after her birth was troubled with a swelling under her Chin, and a flux of rhume in her eyes, for the removall and cure whereof I used all the meanes I could; but shee continued still in the same case: at last I procured a water from one Mrs. ARNOLD, which being applyed to her eyes, diverted the humour from thence; so as they being pretty well, it fell into her lips, which thereupon swelled grievously, and then about a month after it returned into her eyes againe, whereupon both her eyes and lippes were extremely ill, the swelling in her neck still continuing, and at last shee

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was absolutely blinde in her right eye for twelve months, and then it fell into the left eye after that manner, that she could scarce discern the light of a Candle; some telling me that it was the Kings Evil, others doubting of it; I never sought for remedy by a touch from the hand of His Sacred Majesty while He was living; at last the Saturday after his death, I went to Mr. FRANCES COL, a his house a Woollen Draper at the Blacke-Lyon at Pauls Chaine, whose Journey-man gave me a little piece of a Handkercheffe that was dip't in the Kings blood, and then returning home, it came into my minde that many Miracles had beene done by Handkercheffes or Apertons, which were brought from PAUL's body to the sick; as I had read, Acts 19. v. 12. whereupon I stroaked my Daughters eyes, and the swelling under her chin with it, which presently was much better then before, and mended every day; at last through forgetfulness I neglected the application of it for a Night, and then the next day she was almost as ill as ever she was before in her eyes; whereupon I used it againe, and it hath helpt her, and she is now perfectly recovered, as you see, in her eyes, and the swelling under her chin is almost gone, the colour of her flesh is recovered, and the pain totally gone: with this small piece of a Handkercheffe was all this done, which many have desired of me; but, although I am but a poore woman, and of mean condition, I protest I will not sell it for forty pounds,

MARY BAYLY the Mother of the Child
The Marks [M] of MARY BAYLY, the Child
that is cured, who is about fourteen years of
Ages.

All this was related, confess, and subscribed in the presence of mee, THOMAS BRET, Her Majesty's
Physician in Ordinary, and yeares of old before and then
And

And now, Excellent Sir, I shall crave leave to make the same profession, that ANNAS the high Priest, and CAIPHAS did when they saw what was done by PETER, Acts 4. 16.

It is manifest that a notable miracle hath been done, and we cannot deny it; but must confess (as our Saviour did of the man that was borne blinde, Joh. 9. 3.) the works of God are manifest in this childe by this miraculous cure: For my part therefore I cannot but acknowledge (and here I shall make bold to express my selfe almost in the same manner that NICODEMUS did unto our Saviour,) that his Sacred Majesty (now with God) was a Physician that was sent from God; for the Reliques of no man could doe such miracles, except God had been with him, John 3. 2. And I hope it may be lawfull for me to say, as Saint Peter did, Acts. 28. that he was a man approved of God by miracles, wonders, and signes, which God had done by him. As then the blind men in the Gospel, John 9. 30. told the Pharisees, that it was a marvellous thing, that they should not know from whence his Physician was, who had opened his eyes: so shall I from henceforth tell any man that doubts of our Sovereignes being with, and coming from God, that I marvell at him, since this relique (with Gods blessing) hath opened the eyes of a childe that was blinde, which ought to stop the mouths of all those railing RASHAKAH'S, *Tumultu quos sensus hostes*, who have lately hindered the footsteps of the Lords Anointed, and endeavoured to kill him in his gawes. This one miracle (not now words) of his sanctified life, and unimitable expression of himselfe in his most divine Booke, which the very thought he were bodily here, yet his conversation was still in Heaven, they make it apparent (since it will be attested by so many hundreds of Brethren) to all good Christians, who will not wilfully blindfold themselves.

selves that he is returned to God (who gave and sent him out of his especiall favour unto us) and that he is now a Saint in Heaven. And that your Lordship may also, after this painfull life is ended, raigne with him there, shall ever be the prayer of

Your Excellencies most humble servants,

G. I.

Barbara Pyramidum fileat miracula Memphis

*Let Rome no longer boast of Garnets straw,
Nor Becketts blood, for what I lately saw
Done by a crimson relique of King Charles,
Outshines their feigned miracles and charms,
As much as Phœbus in his pride at noone,
Outshines the twinkling stars, and darkned Moone.*

MAY it please you (Excellent Sir) to know that I am informed there have been many others cured by his Majesties blood, which will be attested by people of most eminent quality; but in regard I can onely be depesed of the truth of this particular, I have onely made mention thereof; but concerning the rest, I believe that suddenly (Excellent Sir) you will have a true and certain Certificate.